

THE KNOCKER'S COLUMN.

A FEW CRACKS AT THE SPORTS.

Have any you fellows who have taken in a good "rough house" scrap seen the game called "hockey"? I wonder if Assemblyman Lewis has. Well, it beats anything ever seen in the ring and makes a football scrimmage look like loving brothers in a parting embrace.

The players don't do a thing to each other, aided by their sharp "shinny-sticks." They just bang away, apparently at a puck, but really at each other, while a physician on hand awaits results. A chap named Cobb had twenty stitches taken in his head as a result of a game last night at the Clemont Avenue Rink. And these wise legislators say stop boxing; it's brutal!

Matty Matthews and Jimmy Handie are doing stunts before the footlights this week at the Third Avenue Theatre and they're not bad at all when it comes to speaking lines in the course of the farce "Mr. Coney's Isle." Matthews can say, "Have a care, 'Rube' Ferns with the big of them. Manager 'Johnny' Dunn contributes to the performance, too. He doesn't need any tips on acting. Some one on the 'inside' tells the show played to big houses on the road. It's certainly getting the money on Third avenue.

You remember that dog? The one that left Saratoga about the time Stacy did? Really, the Brooklyn fighter-taker wasn't guilty. He was telling about it in a saloon up town the other day and the proprietor gave him a pint. Then the wicked proprietor paid him off, by the way—whistled softly, and then in a rear room trotted that self same dogger wagging his tail and whining at Stacy.

It looks as if Ben Jordan had loosened up on his bluff to make Terry McGovern sail the seas. It wouldn't be surprising to see Benneke skating this way in time to go on with the Brooklyn Terror at San Fran. THE KNOCKER.

M'COWEN NOW A LIGHTWEIGHT.

Harris Admits Terry Will Fight Erne in Near Future.

According to a telegram sent to the Sporting Editor of The World by Manager Sam Harris, Terry McGovern has decided to branch out as a lightweight. Harris wired the information that Terry will defend the championship against Erne in the near future.

M'Cowen and Harris are now in Pittsburgh. James C. Kennedy and Frank Erne were there, too, yesterday, and a conference between them is said to have resulted in the arrangement of a match. It is believed the pair will fight at the Twentieth Century Club of Frisco, of which Kennedy is the matchmaker.

CANUCKS ASKED TO SHOOT.

National Rifle Association's Invitation Will Probably Be Accepted.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 17.—Lieut. A. S. Jones, secretary of the National Rifle Association of the United States, has sent to Col. Hodges, secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, an invitation to the crack shots of the Dominion to participate in an international rifle shooting competition in Canada on the range of the National Guard at Bea Girt, N. J.

The Canadian trophy, "Pistol," emblematic of the world's championship, will be put up for competition with other prizes.

Leading Toronto riflemen have volunteered sending a team to the United States, and the invitation will probably be accepted.

MONTE CARLO A FIASCO.

Court Proceedings Probably End Talk of Winter Racing.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—There is now no possibility, apparently, of Winter racing at the much-heralded Monte Carlo track.

Attorneys are here today again, regarding the buildings of the Improvement company which was to have been the factor in the racing scheme.

An application has been made to the Circuit Court for a receiver to be appointed to take charge of the property.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

(Special to The Evening World.)

RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS.

Jan. 17.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

Race—Selling one-half mile.

Le Stars 129 Al Lone

Depos 130 Locus Bloom

Tragedy 131 Gray John

Merle 133 Command

Homer 134 St. Veran

Second Race—Selling one-half distance.

Fairy Prince 99 Patchwork

Madame G. 102 Jack Doyle

George Gardner 103 Zest Phelps

Third Race—Selling one-half and one-eighth miles.

Pringle 109 Doniton 101

Old Po 101

Fourth Race—Handicap, six and one-half furlongs.

Karnelian Prince 94 Cogswell

Empress of Beauty 95 Astm

Asana 102 Syncopated Sandy

Gloria 103 American Beverage

With Race—Selling, six and one-half furlongs.

Paleo 96 Lillation

Garvare 97 The Burlton Route

Demille 98 Devil's Den

Reeves 99 Roome

Red Riot 100 Devil's Den

Third Race—Handicap, six and one-half furlongs.

Karnelian Prince 94 Cogswell

Empress of Beauty 95 Astm

Asana 102 Syncopated Sandy

Gloria 103 American Beverage

No Handicap.

Garvare 97 The Burlton Route

Demille 98 Devil's Den

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